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SUBJECT: COUNTERVAILING DUTY INVESTIGATION -- GROUND FISH
FROM CANADA

REF: A) 76 STATE 246670 (NOTAL) B) 76 STATE 184806(NOTAL)

1. THE TREASURY DEPARTMENT WILL PUBLISH IN THE FEDERAL
REGISTER OF APRIL 12, 1977, NOTICES OF FINAL AFFIRMATIVE
COUNTERVAILING DUTY DETERMINATION THAT BOUNTIES OR GRANTS
ARE BEING PAID OR BESTOWED ON EXPORTS OF FRESH, CHILLED
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OR FROZEN COD AND FLOUNDER FROM CANADA TO THE U.S. AND
OF A WAIVER OF COUNTERVAILING DUTIES UNDER SECTION 331
OF THE TRADE ACT OF 1974. THE AMOUNT OF THE BOUNTY WAS
DETERMINED TO BE POINT FIVE PERCENT WHICH WAS NOT RET
NOT FOUND TO BE LEGALLY DE MINIMIS.

2. COUNTERVAILING DUTIES MAY BE WAIVED IF A) STEPS HAVE

BEEN TAKEN TO REDUCE OR ELIMINATE THE ADVERSE EFFECT OF THE BOUNTY OR GRANT, 2) NEGOTIATIONS ARE ONGOING IN THE NTM TO REDUCE BARRIERS TO TRADE AND C) IMPOSITION OF THE COUNTERVAILING DUTIES WOULD JEOPARDIZE THE SUCCESS OF THE NEGOTIATIONS. THE FIRST REQUIREMENT WAS SATISFIED BY THE CANADIAN GOVERNMENT'S JANUARY TERMINATION

OF DIRECT PAYMENTS TO PROCESSORS ON A PER POUND BASIS ON THE DUTIABLE RET DUTIABLE FISH SUBJECT TO THE INQUIRY.

3. FYI. THE PETITIONER, THE FISHERMAN'S MARKETING ASSOCIATION OF SEATTLE, HAS SUBMITTED SATISFACTORY INFORMATION CONCERNING INJURY SO THAT THE INVESTIGATION MAY BE EXPANDED TO MANY NON-DUTIABLE FISH. IN ADDITION, A COMPLAINT MAY BE PENDING FROM EAST COAST FISHING INTERESTS WHO HAVE HIRED AN ATTORNEY AND HAVE ENGAGED SOMEONE TO STUDY CANADIAN INCENTIVES ON FISH. THE CANADIAN EMBASSY HAS BEEN INFORMED OF THE POSSIBILITY OF FURTHER INVESTIGATION. END FYI.

4. IMPORTS OF THE SUBJECT MERCHANDISE WERE APPROXIMATELY \$3 MILLION IN 1975.

5. THE CANADIAN EMBASSY HAS BEEN INFORMED AND A PRESS RELEASE WILL BE ISSUED THE AFTERNOON OF APRIL 11.
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